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1. ISLAMABAD'S 7941, SEPTEMBER 18, 1973, GIVING TEXT OF
PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 17 AFFIRMING GOP
COMMITMENT TO NARCOTICS CONTROL, REHABILITATION OF DRUG
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USERS, AND PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION LEADING TO ELIMINATION
OF OPIUM PRODUCTION IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE UNCLAS ISLAMABAD 7941

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SUBJ: PRIMIN'S STATEMENT ON NARCOTICS

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GOP RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON NARCOTICS BY PRIMIN BHUTTO SEPT. 17 (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):
"IN RESPONSE TO APPROACHES MADE TO GOP BY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR COOPERATION IN ELIMINATION OF THIS SCOURGE OF NARCOTICS, FEDERAL GOVT. HAVE CONSTITUTED NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT GROWING OF, AND TRAFFIC IN THESE DANGEROUS DRUGS. GOVT. IS ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF HEAVY TOLL WHICH DRUGS HAVE TAKEN OF YOUNGER GENERATION IN MANY COUNTRIES. WE CANNOT BUT CO-OPERATE WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ROOT OUT THIS SOCIAL EVIL.
"BOARD HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR REGISTRATION OF DRUG ADDICTS AND INSTITUTE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THEIR REHABILITATION.

"PRODUCTION OF OPIUM WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY REDUCED WITH A VIEW TO ITS TOTAL ELIMINATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

"I AM CONSCIOUS OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN UNDERTAKING THIS NECESSARY HUMANITARIAN TASK BUT WILL NOT BE DAUNTED BY DIFFICULTIES THAT LIE IN WAY OF COMBATING THIS MENACE. IF IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY INVOLVES COLOSSAL TASK OF RE-ORIENTING ECONOMIC LIFE IN POPPY GROWING AREAS AND ERADICATION OF DEEPLY INGRAINED EVIL HABITS, THIS WILL BE DONE.
COMPREHENSIVE PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH AREAS WILL HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE AND ADEQUATE SOURCES OF LIVELIHOOD FOR GROWER.

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" THIS PROGRAMME OF LIMITING PRODUCTION OF NARCOTICS AND ELIMINATING ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN THIS DRUG HAS INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS. I, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT IMPORTANCE OF OUR UNDERTAKING WILL BE DULY APPRECIATED BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. LARGE-SCALE MOBILISATION OF RESOURCES WILL BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ENABLE US TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO MUST NOT FEEL ANY DISLOCATION AS RESULT OF ENFORCEMENT OF NEW POLICY." SANDERHOFF
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